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Maienschein Continues to Work to Make Public Safety #1 Priority

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As Chair of the City Council's Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee, I have spent a great deal of time working to ensure our public safety needs are being met. Under my direction during the past 14 months, the committee has identified some areas of chronic neglect within the Police and Fire-Rescue Departments. The committee has also developed ways to improve these areas of concern.

As a result of the committee's work, I recently announced improvements to the City's public safety system. I am working with the City Manager to launch a police academy program that will help put more officers on patrol duty throughout the City. In addition, the City is hiring 20 new police officers this year. I am also pleased to report that beginning with the fiscal 2005 budget, annual allocations will be made for deferred maintenance and the purchase of new police and fire vehicles.

These changes will make our Police and Fire-Rescue Departments more efficient. They will also help save taxpayer's money.

As the City grows, I plan to continue to focus on increasing public safety infrastructure so that it eventually matches our population. In 1980, we had 875,538 residents. Now there are 1.2 million. Population has grown 47 percent, but public safety infrastructure has only increased 15 percent.

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The next meeting of the Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Com-

Rebuilding Effort in Full Swing in Scripps Ranch

While the City faces many challenging issues this spring, I am focused on the rebuilding of the more than 300 Scripps Ranch homes destroyed in the Cedar Fire. As of early March, 13 permits have been issued to rebuild homes. And, one home on Handrich Drive is just days away from completion.

I want to thank the residents of Scripps Ranch for their remarkable commitment to the rebuilding effort. My thoughts are with each of the families who are making important decisions about rebuilding their homes.

As you can imagine, the City's Development Services staff has been very busy processing building plans at the Local Assistance Center. This month, I was successful in obtaining additional staff at the Center to ensure building plans will be approved within a week of submittal.

My office is available to assist you at the Center, 11885 Cypress Canyon Drive. The Center's hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday,

Maienschein Breaks Ground on Landscape Project

On February 20, I was joined by several Rancho Bernardo business and community leaders at the ground breaking ceremony for the Rancho Bernardo Road sound wall landscape project.

The \$80,000 landscape project will include various types of trees and plants, many of which are native to the region, along the Rancho Bernardo Road sound wall and the installation of the appropriate methods of irrigation. The project will run along the length of the sound wall which extends from the intersection at West Bernardo Drive to the intersection at Matinal Road.

Since its completion in July 2003, the sound wall has brought significant relief to the residents of Westwood who previously had been plagued by noise levels from the traffic on Rancho Bernardo Road.

The project was the result of more than two years of planning and negotiations and a collaboration of efforts by Westwood residents, 4S Ranch, Black Mountain Ranch, the Rancho Bernardo Chamber of Commerce, the Rancho Bernardo Community Council, the Rancho Bernardo Planning Board and my office.



Mental health resources available for fire victims

In partnership with Alliant International University and the Scripps Ranch Civic Association, I am sponsoring a series of informational programs to address mental health needs of Cedar fire victims. The programs will be held on Tuesday, March 16; Monday, April 12 and Monday, May 10 at the Scripps Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. Each session will begin at 7 p.m.

I wanted to present these sessions after observing the challenges fire victims faced in balancing time and energy for family, work and personal needs while simultaneously handling the rebuilding of their homes and dealing with insurance issues.

I hope all fire victims can take some time from their busy schedules and attend these programs, which will connect them with some valuable resources to help rebuild their lives.

Dr. Neil Ribner, a licensed clinical psychologist and professor at Alliant, will present the program on March 16 titled "How Families Cope With Change in the Cedar Fire Aftermath." In addition to his work at the university, Dr. Ribner is a consultant to the U.S. Navy's Family Therapy program and operates a private practice specializing in couples and family therapy.

The speaker for the second program on April 12 will be Dr. Scott Woolley, director of Alliant's marital and family therapy programs and an associate professor at the university. The title of Dr. Woolley's talk is "Creating a Safe Haven Couple Relationship: Tips for Coping During Times of Trauma."

Freeway of the Future

Want to learn more about improvements planned to relieve congestion on Interstate 15?

You are invited to an open house and public workshop from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25, on the Interstate 15 Managed Lanes and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project.

The open house will be held at the Oaks North Community Center, 12578 Oaks North Drive in Ranch Bernardo. The event is sponsored by SANDAG, San Diego's Regional Planning Agency.

Plans for the project include construction of additional high occupancy vehicle lanes and express bus stations in Sabre Springs/Penasquitos, Rancho Bernardo and Del Lago/South Escondido.

Easing traffic congestion on Interstate 15 has been a priority of mine since I took office. ~~By reducing the amount of time we spend stuck~~

Street Fairs 2004:

Mark Your Calendars!

I am pleased to announce the following schedule for this year's spring and summer street fairs. Stay tuned for information about additional street fairs scheduled for this fall!

- Rancho Penasquitos—**Sunday, May 2**, Black Mountain Road between Twin Trails Drive and Carmel Mountain Road.
- Scripps Ranch—**Sunday, May 16**, at Community Park.
- Rancho Bernardo—**Sunday, June 6**, Bernardo Center Drive and Lomica Drive

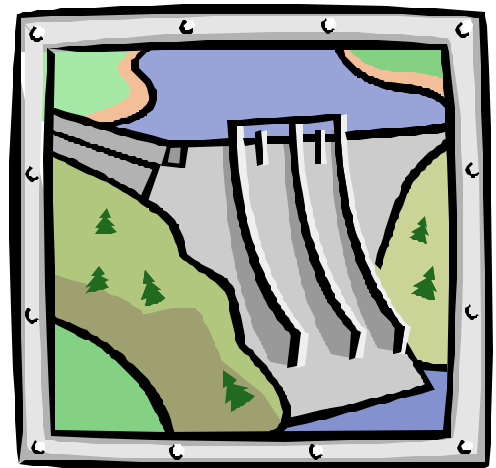
My office hosts a booth at these fairs each year. Please bring your family by to visit me and my staff. We are available to answer any ques-

Maienschein working to re-open path at Miramar

I want you to know that I am still working to have the path across Miramar Dam re-opened on a permanent basis. This has been a priority of mine since the day it was fenced off.

The California Department of Health Services makes the final decision on opening the dam, and I have directed City Water Department officials to speed up negotiations with them to open the dam gates permanently, or at least on a reasonable schedule. I hope that my office's success in persuading water and security officials to open the path for the Scripps Ranch Old Pros Bike & Run Races on both July 4, 2002 and 2003 will be a factor in obtaining permanent access.

I look forward to meeting you on the path soon, while making a complete loop around the Lake and not when we reach the fence and have to turn around. I will notify the com-





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